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SUBJECT: U.S. VOTE ON WHO 1978 BUDGET

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WHEN THE BUDGET COMES UP FOR A VOTE.

2. ACTION POSTS SHOULD APPROACH FONOFF AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO EXPLAIN AND SEEK UNDERSTANDING OF OUR POSITION AT THE ASSEMBLY. IN DOING SO, POSTS MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES STRONGLY IN THE DESIRABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND HAS CONTINUALLY SUPPORTED THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, BOTH THROUGH ASSESSED AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY IN TERMS OF THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, GENERALLY, TO TAKE A REALISTIC ATTITUDE TOWARD BUDGETARY TRENDS WHICH TEND TO RISE PRECIPITOUSLY WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION.

B. UNLESS RESTRAINT IS USED IN PRESSING FOR INCREASES, THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE A CUTBACK IN VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS OR PROBLEMS IN MEETING ASSESSED BUDGETS BY MAJOR DONORS.

C. OUR CONCLUSION, THEREFORE, IS THAT IF WE WISH TO PRESERVE BROAD SUPPORT FOR THE WHO, WE WOULD BE MAKING A MISTAKE IF WE OPENED OUR PARTICIPATION TO THE TYPE OF CRITICISM WHICH WOULD FOLLOW IF WE GAVE UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET. THUS, ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT THE BUDGET TO BE ADOPTED, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO SIGNAL TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE ARE MONITORING THEIR PERFORMANCE AND THEIR PROGRAMS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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D. THE GENEVA GROUP IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF MOUNTING AN EFFORT TO EXERCISE MORE RESTRAINT IN THE GROWTH OF THE BUDGETS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TO ENCOURAGE BETTER USE OF SCARCE RESOURCES. THIS EFFORT WOULD BE BADLY WEAKENED IF WE OFFER NO OBJECTION ON THE FIRST LARGE BUDGET INCREASE CONFRONTING US.

E. IF WE VOTE FOR A 12.1 INCREASE IN WHO, WE WILL FACE IMMEDIATE PRESSURES FOR SUPPORT OF COMPARABLE LEVELS IN OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PROPOSED 22 PERCENT BIENNUM INCREASE (11 PERCENT A YEAR) IN FAO, WHICH HAS ITS CONFERENCE THIS YEAR.

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4. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF OUTCOME OF YOUR INITIATIVES.

5. FOR GENEVA: U.S. MISSION GENEVA REQUESTED TO MAKE PARALLEL APPROACHES TO DELEGATIONS TO WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY. CHRISTOPHER

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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED MAY 11, 1977
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